AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientific Laboratories and Institutions are lagging behind in transfer of technology to end users as reported in the Hindu of the 8th June, 1988;

(b) whether it is also a fact that hardly 30 per cent new technologies evolved are being used in Agriculture;

(c) whether it is also a fact that motivated workers in extension are not rewarded and if so, whether Government propose to create a post of Director General for Transfer of Technology in Agriculture; and

(d) whether Government are aware that the Scientist who coined Lab to Land slogan and spearheaded the programme was not recognised or rewarded causing disillusionment amongst other Scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) (a) No Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Coining "Lab-to-Land" slogan was not a one person job it was decided by the ICAR as a system after deliberations with various people. Therefore, there is no question of recognising or rewarding one individual for this scheme.

Import of Milk products

424. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total import of milk powder (including skimmed powder) butter and butter oil under concessional and non-concessional schemes during the last three years;

(b) to what extent such import was under operation Flood II and III schemes; and

(c) what is the extent of adverse effect on domestic milk prices due to such import of milk products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) received a total quantity of approximately 53,410 MT of milk powder (including skimmed milk powder), 21,493 MT of butter oil and 10,351 MT of butter on gift and commercial basis during 1985-86 to 1987-88. Out of the above quantities of commodities, NDDB received gift supplies of approximately 37,375 MT of skimmed milk powder, 6189 MT of butter oil and 10,351 MT of butter from European Economic Community (EEC) during 1985-86 to 1987-88 under operation Flood Programme.

(c) There has been no adverse effect of such import of domestic milk prices. On the contrary, there has been steady rise in the producers' price over the years.

'Modernisation of IISCO with Japanese collaboration

425. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Japan have agreed to collaborate with India for the modernisation of IISCO at Burnpur in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN